I’m here because...
Every face tells a story.

More than a year ago, we at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center opened our first Visitor Center. Guests are greeted by hundreds of photos lining the space’s curved walls — photos of others who have come before them.

The Visitor Center welcomes patients, survivors, family members, scientists, doctors, caregivers and more. It is a place to not only learn about Fred Hutch’s mission and history but, even more important, it is a place to share a little about who you are.

The Fred Hutch Visitor Center is based on the simple premise that everyone has a story to share — and we want to hear them. Over the past year, we have been honored and humbled by the touching messages our visitors have left us. We are inspired by the passion, drive and hope for a cure these words and pictures represent.

In the following pages, you’ll meet some of those who visited the Hutch in 2016 and read their brief but powerful stories.

We hope you find their words and self-portraits as inspiring as we do. Experience them and add your own story to the collection.
I'm here because ...

I believe
I'm here because... I DON'T WANT CANCER TO FEEL "NORMAL" FOR THEM.
I’m here because... CURE CANCER

#NOFA
NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE!
SCCA saved our DAD!

I'm here because... we believe in supporting cancer research. Go HAWKS!

I've donated stem cells 2 times.

I've donated stem cells 3 times.

Fred Hutch High School Intern 1994

Apheresis RN

NAME: Gomez Sisters CITY/STATE: Seattle/WA

DATE: 1/15/16
I'm here because... I believe that Fred Hutch could change the world.
I'm here because... I'd like to help find a cure for cancer!
I'm here because...

I am a two year survivor of a BMT @Children's. One day I will find the cure to childhood cancer.

Instagram: @president_athena

NAME: Athena Penticholar  
DATE: 3/28/16

P.S. Thank you Donor Diana
I'm here because...

we believe in science and the many possibilities—including a cure for cancer—that exist because of the work being done at Fred Hutch.
I'm here because...

I hate the word cancer, let's come together and end it!

Fred Hutch in a hope for cancer-free world

NAME: SHAMFAZ
DATE: 26 MAR
CITY/STATE: SEATTLE, WA
Fred Hutch

I'm here because... I want to see new things and help other people by studying diseases.

NAME: Ethan 6 1/2
DATE: April 4 2016
CITY/STATE:
I’m here because...

Design Research.

We support and respect all that Fred Hutch does for families and patients. We have all had someone in our lives who has passed from cancer and believe a cure can be found.
I'm here because...

I want to help cure cancer!

Chen, Lin
Ming & Yun
5/29/201
I'm here because... I am a pediatric oncology nurse, I partner with the Hutch each year + ride in Obliteride AND I am passionate about equitable cancer care all over the world... Specifically Uganda. Together we can do this! Cancer needs to STOP breaking so many hearts.
I'm here because...

希望女儿能为攻克癌症难题
贡献一份力量！

2016.7.22
I'm here because...

I believe Fred Hutch can cure cancer!
I'm here because... I believe in...

Hope for a cure
Hope for those living with cancer
Hope that the time when someone
that discovers a cure will come!

Believe!
Have faith and hope.

NAME: Ayelile Lopez
CITY/STATE: Marysville WA
DATE: 9/16/10
I'm here because...

I know that we will find a cure!

-Anna
I'm here because...

WE BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND WE WONT STOP UNTIL WE DO...

- West Honda
I'm here because...

I BELIEVE IN A
Core!!
I’m here because ...

I remember
I'm here because... LOSING YOUR DAD TO LYMPHOMA IS EVEN HARDER DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

R.I.P.~H.D.B.
I'm here because...

My mom .... I wish she was Cured by Cancer.
I'm here because... we hope someday no one will lose their "nana"
I'm here because...

Everyone I know has been touched by cancer - it sucks! We need a cure! My mom died... my friend just recurred... research is the answer!!!
I'm here because...
my best friend died from cancer—and I knew Fred Hutch can cure it. #savemylivesfaster
I'm here because...

I ride Obliteride. I'm a cancer orphan. I ride to save lives and hope to find cures so others don't lose the ones they love.
I'm here because...

My Grandmother Died of Cancer When I was 5 years old. I support our Scientists to find a cure for ALL.
I'm here because...

Breast Cancer has affected myself and family for most of my life. I pray every day for all Cancer patients & families! We will find a Cure!!

XOXO
I'm here because... I'm in love with all the hard, passionate, and excellent work that is done by the Fred Hutch Team of amazing people. I want to know and support prevention efforts because my mom died from breast cancer when I was 22 yr. old and my dad died when I was 3 yr. old from liver cancer. I dream a world without cancer.

Good work Fred Hutch and Thank you for all you do!!

❤️
I'm here because... my younger sister, who was also my best friend, died of brain cancer when she was 18. Nobody should have to suffer such pain. Together we can stop cancer.
I'm here because...

Helping treat cancer is meaningful to so many. I miss my dad.
I'm here because...

I want other kids to get to meet their grandmas. I'm sad I couldn't. 😞
I'm here because ...

I am grateful
I'm here because...

We're visiting our wonderful friend Karen who is helping cancer survivors live happy lives!
I'm here because...

Joel had a bone marrow transplant at UWMC on 12/24/15. We are back a year later for a check-up and to celebrate life! Joel is alive and well because of thousands of researchers, donators, medical professionals, prayers, drivers, workers, love, shuttlers, cafeteria and so many more. Thank you!

NAME: Joel + Kara Assid CITY/STATE: Garretson, SD.
DATE: 12/3/16

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I'm here because... after my dad died from cancer, I changed my whole life to become a nurse, so I could give back the amazing care we received. Now, nearly six years later, I have my dream job, taking care of amazing people and their families on this journey to survive cancer.
I'm here because...

We ❤ SCCA - Fred Hutch & This guy 🙃

I'm fighting MM 4yrs...

Dual stem transplant Survivor

NAME: HIRAI, TODD
CITY/STATE: Woodinville, WA
DATE: 1-5-16
I'm here because... My brother had a transplant in 1987 at the Hutch and is doing great today! I became a nurse and work at the SCCA BMT.
I’m here because...

Breast Cancer Survivor

Jackie 10

1/20/10

Seattle
I'm here because...

my dad has cancer. I love what The Fred Hutch is doing to save lives. Thank you!

Joanie

& my dad

NAME: Joanie

DATE: 02-04-16

CITY/STATE: Bremerton
I’m here because... it has been 1 yr since my stem cell transplant for AML. Life and the world we inhabit is a magical thing. Every morning I open my eyes and I remind myself to live life to the fullest, full of love and gratitude!!!
I'm here because...

cancer

Two Time Survivor!!

NAME: Nick

CITY/STATE: Susan

DATE: 5-27-16
I'm grateful for... my mom and how she worked so hard to have me and get through cancer. Finally, it's over and she hasn't gotten cancer for 5 years! Love Luna

NAME: Luna
CITY/STATE: Sacramento, CA

July 2016
I'm here because...

My mom was cured of Hodgkin lymphoma here in the 1970s... Thank you!
I'm here because... Fred Hutch saved my dad's life.
I'm grateful for...

Another day to...

LIVE

NAME:  Sep 2016

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I'm here because...

YOU CURED BOTH MY DAUGHTER AND MY HUSBAND OF AML AND WE ARE ALL FOREVER GRATEFUL!
We're here because...

We love this amazing community of beautiful people and are grateful to be a part of it!
I'm here because...

of Fred Hutch

I am 23 years cancer free thanks to all the medical staff.
I’m here because ...

of science
I'm here because... we want to be a part of a future where diseases are no longer a health burden.
I'm here because...
cancer research
is cool & important.
We're here because... we are proud to honor and support the research and treatment being conducted at the Hutch! Let's all continue to take care of each other and everyone who is touched by cancer!
I'm here because... Estoy aquí porque aunque hablamos distintos idiomas y tenemos diferentes culturas, un objetivo nos une.

I'm here because even though we speak different languages and we're from around the world, we have an objective in common!
I'm here because...

I'm inspired by the research done here, and I would love to run a lab here one day. - Holly W

NAME:  
CITY/STATE:  
DATE: 8/8/16
I'm here because... WE CARE!
Climbing Mt. Rainier for cancer research! LA + OCSD SEARCH + RESCUE + FRED HUTH = CURE!!!
we're

I'm here because... we are interns who want to help to find a cure!

-Summer Internship-

NAME: Elizabeth, Helena, Amy
DATE: 8/4/16
I'm here because...

I want to learn how to prevent and cure cancer.
I'm here because...

I think researchers are ROCKSTARS
I'm here because...

I worked for 13 years to advance scientific knowledge & cure cancer!

LET'S CURE CANCER!

Fred Hutch Scientist 2003 - 2016

Brea

NAME: Laura & Brea Sycuro  CITY/STATE: Off to Calgary, AB

DATE: 6.13.16
I'm here because...
cancer turns
lives
sideways

\leq 6
combined
years
of
cancer
research

NAME:
DATE:
May 3, 2016
CITY/STATE:

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I'm here because...

I want to find a cure for any kind of cancer and follow my dad's footsteps.
I'm here because...

to cure metastatic breast cancer & support Cyrus Ghajar's research.
I'm here because...

My mom works here and she saves people everyday, including me.
We're
I'm here because...
we want to transform healthcare
I'm here because... I had the privilege of talking to this wonderful visionary Dr. Jim Olson. Caring, compassionate and caring. Michelle

My patients inspire me - my team will make cancer go away with very little turns.

NAME: CITY/STATE:

DATE: 1-8-16

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I'm here because...

my happy place is when I see someone smile or laugh knowing that I made the impact. My goal is to save lives & spread smiles & giggles!

Kinda Alguati
12/21/16 - my 1st day back to Seattle
Tell us your story
fredhutch.org/shareyourstory